



MEMORANDUM

To: Liaison Officers

Date: August 19, 1981

From: Deputy Director

Subject: Request for Information

As you know, we are in the process of preparing a report to the Congress and the President on the adequacy and uniformity of Federal regulations for the protection of human subjects of biomedical and behavioral research (the "Biennial Report"). At present, however, we still have no clear sense of the extent of such research conducted and supported by Federal agencies. In order to present as accurate a picture as possible, we are seeking the following information to the extent that it is reasonably ascertainable from your department's records. (When the information necessary to respond to a particular question is not reasonably available, please so indicate.)

For Fiscal Year 1980:

1. How many institutions conducted extramural* biomedical or behavioral research involving human subjects supported by your department?
2. How many grants and contracts for such research did your department fund?
3. How many intramural biomedical or behavioral research projects involving human subjects were conducted?
4. How many human subjects were involved (or planned for) in biomedical and behavioral research conducted or supported by your department? (Please give separate figures for extramural and intramural research.)

* For purposes of preparing your responses, "Extramural research" should be understood to include research conducted under grants, contracts, or similar arrangements. "Intramural research" should be understood to include research conducted by employees of your Department or at facilities run by your Department (e.g., V.A. hospitals, military hospitals, and clinics or hospitals run by the Public Health Service, Indian Health Service, and the like).

5. How many different IRBs reviewed and approved research conducted or supported by your department? (Please give separate figures for extramural and intramural research.)
6. Of those IRBs identified in question 5, how many were established (and approved by) your own department as distinguished from having an approved general assurance on file at another department which is, in turn, honored by your own?
7. What was your total biomedical and behavioral research budget?
8. What portion of that budget was allocated to:
 - A. Extramural research
 - B. Intramural research
9. What portion involved research with human subjects? (Please give separate figures for extramural and intramural research.)

We would very much appreciate having the information by September 18 so that it can be incorporated into the preliminary draft of the Biennial Report which will be reviewed by the Commission at its October meeting.

If you have any questions about this request, please do not hesitate to call. I can be reached at: 653-3051.

Thank you very much for your cooperation.

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